AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2987 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what disciplinary action has been taken against the officers involved in the Rabi purchases '87 of Akola Depot, Bombay Branch of NCCF on the enquiry conducted by a Head Office official; and

(b) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Depot Incharge of Akola, who was primarily involved in these purchase is no longer in the service of N.C.C.F. No action can be taken against him.

Supply of edible oil by NCCF to M/s. Manipur wholesale store-Imphal

1205. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Part (a) & (b) Unstarred Question No. 1216 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether in a similar case of supply of Edible Oil by M/s. Biscomaun of Patna to the former President of Biscomaun and incidentically of NCCF also is being investigated by CBI as further confirmed by the CBI Chief in the Illustrated Weekly Issue of May, 14, 1989, and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to refer this matter of NCCF also to CBI as both cases have similarity and bearing on each other?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) NCCF as also this Deptt. is not aware of any edible oil supplied by BISCOMAUN of Patna to their former President who was also President of NCCF. We have seen the statement attributed to have been made by Director CBI to the journalist and reported in Illustrated Weekly of 14-5-89.

Subject matter of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1216 of 3rd March, 1989 related to Unstarred Question No. 3121 of 19th Aug. 1988 which related to supply of edible oil by NCCF to M/s. Manipur Wholesale Stores, Imphal. It was clarified in the reply that edible oil despatched by NCCF, Calcutta to M/s. Manipur Wholesale Stores, Imphal was transported by a private transporter. The police inquiry conducted had shown that no misappropriation had taken place in the supply of goods. Further, Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies had passed orders on 20th June, 1988 in favour of NCCF for recovery of an amount of Rs. 21.58 lakh from the Manipur State Federation alongwith interest.

NCCF internal investigation had shown lapses on the part of the then Regional Manager, East (under suspension) and major penalty proceedings are under progress against him in respect of this particular incident and some others.

There being no connection between the two, question of refering the matter to CBI does not arise.

Government contribution towards the Share Capital of NCCF

1206. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 232 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 1989 and state the details of the economy measures adopted by the NCCF as stipulated by Government as a conditon to the contribution of share capital of NCCF to effect reduction of expenditure to the tune of Rs. 1.00 crore in its expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): The NCCF has reported that it has undertaken the following economy measures to effect reduction of expenditure in fulfilling the conditions as stipulated by Government of India while releasing a sum of Rs. 1.10 crores towards the share capital of NCCF during 1988-89.

(i) NCCF has closed down three of its depots and down graded a branch to a depot. Review of working in respect of three more branches are being made.

(ii) Various staff benefits have been curtailed by the NCCF, besides, it is exercising stricter control on sanctioning expenses under various heads.

(iii) Stricter control is also being exercised by the NCCF in utilisation of bank finance in order to reduce the interest cost.

(iv) The NCCF is following up the recovery of outstanding dues with the parties and have reported to have collected an amount of Rs. 1.20 crores by May, 1989.

Irregularities in appointment and promotion in Indian Council of Agricultural Research

1207. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the posts on which the following nine Agricultural Scientists were working in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research or associated institutions, and whether each one of them committed suicide in the year mentioned below:

Dr. M.T. Joseph	1960
S.S. Batra	1970
Dr. Vinod Shah	1972
Dr. K. Jyoti	1975
S. Chandrashekhran	1976
B.S. Menon	1978
S.B. Raghvan	1980
R.R. Patro	1986
S.D. Shahu	1986

(b) the circumstances of each case, due to which the country lost such precious lives; and

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Nava Bharat Times of the 17th June, 1989 revealing gross irregularities in the ICAR in matters of appointments and promotions; and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) The post held by each individual and the year of suicide/death is as under:

Name and post held	Year of suicide/ death
1	2	3
1.	Dr. M.T. Joseph Senior Technical Assistant (I.A.R.I.)	1960
2.	Shri S. S. Batra Assistant Research Officer (Veterinary) Southern Regional Station, N.D.R.I., Bangalore.	1970